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For: Triggering Unit Controlled By A Microprocessor For  
Initiating Pyrotechnic Elements

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits of this application and prior to calculation  
of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

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4. (Amended) Method for operating a triggering unit according to claim 1,  
characterised in that the microprocessor (20) is loaded with a programme  
corresponding to the current requirements during production of the triggering unit or  
at least before use thereof.

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7. (Amended) Method according to claim 4, characterised in that the microprocessor  
(20) can also process internet protocols.

8. (Amended) Method according to claim 4, characterised in that the operating